UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. TO AMEND ANY PREVIOUS ORDERS OF THE BOARD AND CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 22 AND 27, T27N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE DRILLING OF ONE MULTI-LATERAL HORIZONTAL WELL IN THE BAKKEN FORMATION AND AUTHORIZING SAID WELL TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT LESS THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER NO. 228-2005

Docket No. 256-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the application of Continental Resources, Inc. is granted as applied for.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

## BOARD ORDER NO 228-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	

ORDER NO. 229-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 159-2005 AND ANY OTHER ORDERS OF THE BOARD TO ALLOW THE DRILLING OF AN INCREASED DENSITY WELL IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 18 AND 19, T24N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, WITH SAID WELL TO BE LOCATED NOT LESS THAN 660 FEET FROM THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

Docket No. 257-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Continental Resources, Inc. is authorized to drill an additional Bakken Formation well in the permanent spacing unit comprised of Sections 18 and 19, T24N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, with said well to be located not less than 660 feet from the boundaries thereof, as an amendment to Board Order 159-2005.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 229-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 230-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 185-2003 AND ANY OTHER ORDERS OF THE BOARD TO ALLOW THE DRILLING OF AN INCREASED DENSITY WELL FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T25N-R53E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, WITH SAID WELL TO BE LOCATED NOT LESS THAN 660 FEET FROM THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

Docket No. 258-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 185-2003 is amended to allow the drilling of an additional Bakken Formation well in the permanent spacing unit comprised of Sections 28 and 33, T25N-R53E, Richland County, Montana, said well to be located not less than 660 feet from the boundaries of said permanent spacing unit

## BOARD ORDER NO. 230-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 231-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 49-2004 AND ANY OTHER ORDERS OF THE BOARD TO ALLOW THE DRILLING OF AN INCREASED DENSITY WELL FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 17 AND 20, T24N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, WITH SAID WELL TO BE LOCATED NOT LESS THAN 660 FEET FROM THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

Docket No. 259-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 49-2004 is amended to allow the drilling of an additional Bakken Formation well in the permanent spacing unit comprised of Sections 17 and 20, T24N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, with said well to be located not less than 660 feet from the boundaries thereof.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 231-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 232-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 290-2004 AND ANY OTHER ORDERS OF THE BOARD TO ALLOW THE DRILLING OF AN INCREASED DENSITY WELL FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 10 AND 15, T23N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, WITH SAID WELL TO BE LOCATED NOT LESS THAN 660 FEET FROM THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

Docket No. 260-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 290-2004 is amended to allow the drilling of an additional Bakken Formation well in the permanent spacing unit comprised of Sections 10 and 15, T23N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, with said well to be located not less than 660 feet from the boundaries thereof.

## BOARD ORDER 232-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 284-2003 AND ANY OTHER ORDERS OF THE BOARD TO ALLOW THE DRILLING OF AN INCREASED DENSITY WELL FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 9 AND 16, T23N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, WITH SAID WELL TO BE LOCATED NOT LESS THAN 660 FEET TO BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER NO. 233-2005

Docket No. 261-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

### <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 284-2003 is amended to allow the drilling of an additional Bakken Formation well in the permanent spacing unit comprised of Sections 9 and 16, T23N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, with said well to be located not less than 660 feet from the boundaries of said permanent spacing unit.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 233-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Denzii Toung, vice-chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CENTENNIAL OIL & GAS TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE SW¼NE¼, SE¼NW¼, NW¼SE¼ AND NE¼SW¼ OF SECTION 34, T31N-R47E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A NISKU FORMATION TEST WELL 2550' FEL AND 2600' FNL OF SAID SECTION 34, AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.702. ORDER NO. 234-2005

Docket No. 262-2005 and 10-2005 FED

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. Tribal lands are included in the proposed temporary spacing unit and are under jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the United States Department of the Interior. The BLM will issue an order pertaining to the tribal lands, and the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation will issue an order for the non-tribal lands included in the proposed temporary spacing unit.
- 3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Section 34, T31N-R47E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is removed from the Benrud Field

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the SW<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, SE<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4, NW<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4 and NE<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4 of Section 34, T31N-R47E, Roosevelt County, Montana, are designated as a temporary spacing unit for the purpose of drilling a Nisku Formation test well 2550' FEL and 2600' FNL of said Section 34, with a 100-foot topographic tolerance, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 234-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
EST:	
H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MCR, L.L.C. TO DELINEATE ALL OF SECTION 17, T37N-R5E, LIBERTY COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A FIELD AND PERMANENT SPACING UNIT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS AND ASSOCIATED LIQUID HYDROCARBONS FROM THE BOW ISLAND AND DAKOTA FORMATIONS. [FLAT COULEE FIELD]

ORDER NO. 235-2005

Docket No. 263-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Section 17, T37N-R5E, Liberty County, Montana, is delineated as a field and permanent spacing unit for production of natural gas and associated liquid hydrocarbons from the Bow Island and Dakota Formations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 235-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MCR, L.L.C. TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 17, T37N-R5E, LIBERTY COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS AND ASSOCIATED LIQUID HYDROCARBONS FROM THE BOW ISLAND AND DAKOTA FORMATIONS AND TO AUTHORIZE RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT

ORDER NO. 236-2005

Docket No. 264-2005

PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202 (2), M.C.A. [FLAT COULEE FIELD]

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all interests in the spacing unit comprised of Section 17, T37N-R5E, Liberty County, Montana, for production of natural gas and associated liquid hydrocarbons from the Bow Island and Dakota Formations are pooled on the basis of surface acreage.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover non-consent penalties provided by Section 82-11-202 (2) M.C.A.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 236-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	
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UPON THE APPLICATION OF DEVON LOUISIANA CORPORATION TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 161-2000 TO DRILL AN EAGLE SAND FORMATION GAS WELL IN SECTION 20, T32N-R17E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, 1000' FWL AND 2088' FSL WITH A 50-FOOT TOPOGRAPHIC TOLERANCE. (TIGER RIDGE FIELD) ORDER NO. 237-2005

Docket No. 265-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 161-2000 is amended to authorize the drilling of an Eagle Formation gas well in Section 20, T32N-R17E, Hill County, Montana, at a location 1000' FWL and 2088' FSL with a 50-foot topographic tolerance.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 237-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

Nelson, Chairman
Young, Vice-Chairman
radshaw, Board Member
ing, Board Member
Mitchell, Board Member
e Smith, Board Member
Stahl, Board Member

UPON THE APPLICATION OF DEVON LOUISIANA CORPORATION TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 21-2004 TO PERMIT THE DRILLING OF UP TO FOUR EAGLE SAND FORMATION GAS WELLS WITHIN EACH 160-ACRE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT IN SECTION 29, T30N-R16E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AT LOCATIONS ANYWHERE WITHIN EACH TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF, WITH A 150-FOOT TOPOGRAPHIC TOLERANCE.

Docket No. 266-2005

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 21-2004 is hereby amended to authorize the drilling of up to four Eagle Formation gas wells in each 160-acre temporary spacing unit in Section 29, T30N-R16E, Hill County, Montana, at locations anywhere within said temporary spacing units but not closer than 660 feet to the boundaries thereof with a 150-foot topographic tolerance.

ORDER NO. 238-2005

## BOARD ORDER NO. 238-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF DEVON LOUISIANA CORPORATION TO DESIGNATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE E½SE¼ OF SECTION 34 AND THE W½SW¼ OF SECTION 35, T32N-R19E, BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL AN EAGLE-VIRGELLE FORMATION GAS WELL 1125' FSL AND 75' FWL OF SAID SECTION 35, WITH A 50-FOOT TOPOGRAPHIC TOLERANCE AS AN EXCEPTION TO BOARD ORDER 23-54. [BOWES FIELD]

ORDER NO. 239-2005

Docket No. 267-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the  $E\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34 and the  $W\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 35, T32N-R19E, Blaine County, Montana, are designated as temporary spacing unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to drill an Eagle-Virgelle Formation gas well 1125' FSL and 75' FWL of said Section 35, with a 50-foot topographic tolerance as an exception to Board Order 23-54.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 239-2005

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
Linda Nelson, Chairman
Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
Don Bradshaw, Board Member
Jack King, Board Member
Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
Wayne Smith, Board Member
Joan Stahl, Board Member

UPON THE APPLICATION OF STEWART GEOLOGICAL, INC. FOR AN UNDERGROUND INJECTION PERMIT FOR IT'S JACOBSON #2-15H WELL (API # 25-085-21669) IN THE SE¼NE¼ OF SECTION 15, T30N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DISPOSE OF PRODUCED WATER INTO THE DAKOTA FORMATION. ORDER NO. 240-2005

Docket No. 268-2005

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Stewart Geological, Inc. is granted an underground injection permit for its Jacobson #2-15H well to dispose of produced water into the Dakota Formation in the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 15, T30N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, subject to the stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 240-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 241-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MONTANA LAND & EXPLORATION, INC. TO DRILL THREE ADDITIONAL EAGLE FORMATION NATURAL GAS WELLS WITHIN EACH OF TWO EXISTING PERMANENT SPACING UNITS: ALL OF SECTION 28, T33N-R21E, BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA, AND ALL OF SECTION 29, T33N-R21E, BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA. APPLICANT ALSO REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO COMPLETE AND PRODUCE THE ADDITIONAL WELLS AT ANY LOCATION WITHIN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNITS BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, AND THAT THE ADDITIONAL GAS WELLS BE ALLOWED TO COMMINGLE AND PRODUCE FROM MULTIPLE EAGLE FORMATION ZONES THROUGH THE SAME STRING OF CASING.

Docket No. 269-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Montana Land & Exploration, Inc. is authorized to drill three additional Eagle Formation natural gas wells within each of the following two existing permanent spacing units: all of Section 28, T33N-R21E, Blaine County, Montana, and all of Section 29, T33N-R21E, Blaine County, Montana.

### BOARD ORDER NO. 241-2005

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to complete and produce the additional wells at any location within the two permanent spacing units but not closer than 660' to the exterior boundaries thereof, and that applicant may commingle and produce from multiple Eagle Formation zones through the same string of casing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF EOG RESOURCES, INC. TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 136-2000 BY VACATING THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE NE¼ OF SECTION 31 AND THE NW¼ OF SECTION 32, T26N-R55E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AND CREATING A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT FOR A VERTICAL RED RIVER FORMATION TEST WELL COMPRISED OF THE SW¼ OF SECTION 29 AND THE NW¼ OF SECTION 32, T26N-R55E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER NO. 242-2005

Docket No. 270-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 136-2000 is amended to vacate the temporary spacing unit comprised of the NE¼ of Section 31 and the NW¼ of Section 32, T26N-R55E, Richland County, Montana.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 29 and the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 32, T26N-R55E, Richland County, Montana, are designated as a temporary spacing unit for a vertical Red River Formation test well.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 242-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	
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UPON THE APPLICATION OF KLABZUBA OIL & GAS, INC. TO DRILL AN INCREASED DENSITY GAS WELL TO TEST ALL ZONES AND FORMATIONS FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH TO THE BASE OF THE SECOND WHITE SPECKS FORMATION, AT A LOCATION 2262' FNL AND 2620' FEL OF SECTION 28, T34N-R15E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, WITH A 200-FOOT TOPOGRAPHIC

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Docket No. 271-2005

A.R.M. 36.22.702.

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## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

#### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill a gas well to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Second White Specks Formation.
- 3. There is an existing Eagle Formation gas well located in Section 28, and an exception to statewide spacing is necessary to complete the proposed well in the Eagle Formation should production be encountered in that formation.
- 4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. is authorized to drill an additional Eagle Formation gas well at a location 2262' FNL and 2620' FEL of Section 28, T34N-R15E, Hill County, Montana, with a 200-foot topographic tolerance, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 243-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 244-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KLABZUBA OIL & GAS, INC. TO DESIGNATE THE E1/2 OF SECTION 14 AND THE W1/2 OF SECTION 13, T34N-R16E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA. AS A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT FOR PURPOSES OF DRILLING A GAS WELL TO TEST ALL ZONES AND FORMATIONS FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH TO THE BASE OF THE SECOND WHITE SPECKS FORMATION, AT A LOCATION 2625' FSL AND 525' FEL OF SAID SECTION 14, WITH A 200-FOOT TOPOGRAPHIC TOLERANCE, AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.702.

Docket No. 272-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the E½ of Section 14 and the W½ of Section 13, T34N-R16E, Hill County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for purposes of drilling a gas well to test all zones and formations from the surface of the earth to the base of the Second White Specks Formation, at a location 2625' FSL and 525' FEL of said Section 14, with a 200-foot topographic tolerance, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall apply for permanent spacing within ninety (90) days of successful completion of the proposed well.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 244-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
Linda Nelson, Chairman
Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
Don Bradshaw, Board Member
Jack King, Board Member
Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
Wayne Smith, Board Member
Joan Stahl, Board Member

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KLABZUBA OIL & GAS, INC. TO DESIGNATE THE E1/2 OF SECTION 23 AND THE W1/2 OF SECTION 24, T34N-R15E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT FOR PURPOSES OF DRILLING A GAS WELL TO TEST ALL ZONES AND FORMATIONS FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH TO THE BASE OF THE SECOND WHITE SPECKS FORMATION, AT A LOCATION 2260' FNL AND 700' FWL OF SAID SECTION 24, WITH A 200-FOOT TOPOGRAPHIC TOLERANCE AS

ORDER NO. 245-2005

Docket No. 273-2005

AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.702.

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the E½ of Section 23 and the W½ of Section 24, T34N-R15E, Hill County, Montana, are designated a temporary spacing unit for the purpose of drilling a gas well to test all zones and formations from the surface of the earth to the base of the Second White Specks Formation, at a location 2260' FNL and 700' FWL of said Section 24, with a 200-foot topographic tolerance, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall apply for permanent spacing within ninety (90) days of successful completion of the proposed well.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 245-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 246-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KLABZUBA OIL & GAS, INC. TO DESIGNATE THE SE¼ OF SECTION 20 AND THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 21, T34N-R15E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT FOR PURPOSES OF DRILLING A GAS WELL TO TEST ALL ZONES AND FORMATIONS FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH TO THE BASE OF THE SECOND WHITE SPECKS FORMATION, AT A LOCATION 600' FSL AND 100' FWL OF SAID SECTION 21, WITH A 200-FOOT TOPOGRAPHIC TOLERANCE IN ALL DIRECTIONS EXCEPT SOUTH, AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.702.

Docket No. 274-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the SE¼ of Section 20 and the SW¼ of Section 21, T34N-R15E, Hill County, Montana, are designated as a temporary spacing unit for purposes of drilling a gas well to test all zones and formations from the surface of the earth to the base of the Second White Specks Formation, at a location 600' FSL and 100' FWL of said Section 21, with a 200-foot topographic tolerance in all directions except south, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 246-2005

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall apply for permanent spacing within ninety (90) days of successful completion of the proposed well.

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 247-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KLABZUBA OIL & GAS, INC. TO DESIGNATE THE W1/2 OF SECTION 14, T34N-R15E, HILL COUNTY. MONTANA, AS A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT TO DRILL A GAS WELL TO TEST ALL ZONES AND FORMATIONS FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH TO THE BASE OF THE SECOND WHITE SPECKS FORMATION, AT A LOCATION 2115' FSL AND 1760' FWL OF SAID SECTION 14, WITH A 200-FOOT TOPOGRAPHIC TOLERANCE AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.702 AND BOARD ORDER 170-2004.

Docket No. 275-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the W½ of Section 14, T34N-R15E, Hill County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit for the purpose of drilling a gas well to test all zones and formations from the surface of the earth to the base of the Second White Specks Formation, at a location 2115' FSL and 1760' FWL of said Section 14, with a 200-foot topographic tolerance, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702 and Board Order 170-2004.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall apply for permanent spacing within ninety (90) days of successful completion of the proposed well.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 247-2005

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 248-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KLABZUBA OIL & GAS, INC. TO DESIGNATE THE E1/2 OF SECTION 10 AND THE W1/2 OF SECTION 11, T34N-R16E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT TO DRILL THE THIEL #11-5-34-16C GAS WELL TO TEST ALL ZONES AND FORMATIONS FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH TO THE BASE OF THE SECOND WHITE SPECKS FORMATION, AT A LOCATION 2460' FNL AND 220' FWL OF SAID SECTION 11, WITH A 200-FOOT TOPOGRAPHIC TOLERANCE IN ANY DIRECTION EXCEPT WEST, AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.702.

Docket No. 276-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 10 and the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 11, T34N-R16E, Hill County, Montana, are designated as a temporary spacing unit for purposes of drilling the Thiel #11-5-34-16C gas well to test all zones and formations from the surface of the earth to the base of the Second White Specks Formation, at a location 2460' FNL and 220' FWL of said Section 11, with a 200-foot topographic tolerance in any direction except west as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 248-2005

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall apply for permanent spacing within ninety (90) days of successful completion of the proposed well.

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 249-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KLABZUBA OIL & GAS, INC. TO DESIGNATE THE E½ OF SECTION 10 AND THE W1/2 OF SECTION 11, T34N-R16E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT TO DRILL THE THIEL #10-9-34-16B GAS WELL TO TEST THE SAWTOOTH FORMATION AT A PROPOSED BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION 2215' FSL AND 65' FWL OF SAID SECTION 11, WITH A 200-FOOT TOLERANCE AT THE INTERCEPT OF THE SAWTOOTH FORMATION AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.702.

Docket No. 277-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the E½ of Section 10 and the W½ of Section 11, T34N-R16E, Hill County, Montana, are designated as a temporary spacing unit for purposes of drilling the Thiel #10-9-34-16B gas well to test the Sawtooth Formation, at a proposed bottom hole location 2215' FSL and 65' FWL of said Section 11, with a 200-foot topographic tolerance at the intercept of the Sawtooth Formation, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall apply for permanent spacing within ninety (90) days of successful completion of the proposed well.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 249-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	
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UPON THE APPLICATION OF HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO DESIGNATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 21 AND 28, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN FORMATION WELL AND TO AUTHORIZE SAID WELL TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN

660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER NO. 250-2005

Docket No. 278-2005

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. This application was originally placed on the Default Docket at the request of the applicant. It was subsequently removed from the Default Docket because two requests for hearing were received.
- 3. On the day of the hearing, Mr. John R. Mercer, a landowner, requested the application be heard. He withdrew his protest after presenting his testimony.
- 4. On the day of the hearing, Mr. Mike Gleason, a royalty owner, also requested the application be heard. He asked that the application be continued to September 1, 2005 because of title questions. Because the Board has no jurisdiction in ownership issues, Mr. Gleason's request was denied.
- 5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Section 21 and 28, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are designated as a temporary spacing unit for the Bakken Formation.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 250-2005

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to drill a horizontal Bakken Formation well anywhere in said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 660 feet to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall apply for permanent spacing within ninety (90) days of successful completion of the proposed well.

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 251-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, S½N½, S½ (ALL) OF SECTION 5 AND ALL OF SECTION 8, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL WELL IN THE BAKKEN FORMATION, SAID WELL TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

Docket No. 279-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

# Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S½N½, S½ (all) of Section 5 and all of Section 8, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are designated as a temporary spacing unit for the Bakken Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to drill a horizontal Bakken Formation well to be located anywhere within said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 660 feet to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall apply for permanent spacing within ninety (90) days of successful completion of the proposed well.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 251-2005

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 252-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO DESIGNATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, S½NE¼, SE¼NW¼, E½SW¼, SE¼ (ALL) OF SECTION 6 AND LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, E½W½, E½ (ALL) OF SECTION 7, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL WELL IN THE BAKKEN FORMATION AND AUTHORIZING SAID WELL TO BE LOCATED ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

Docket No. 280-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, S½NE¼, SE¼NW¼, E½SW¼, SE¼ (All) of Section 6 and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E½W½, E½ (All) of Section 7, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, are designated as a temporary spacing unit for the Bakken Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to drill a horizontal Bakken Formation well to be located anywhere within said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 660 feet to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall apply for permanent spacing within ninety (90) days of successful completion of the proposed well.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 252-2005

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 253-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 71-2005 TO VACATE THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 10 AND 15, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AND TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 15 AND 22, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL WELL TO THE BAKKEN FORMATION ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 660 FEET TO THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

Docket No. 281-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 71-2005 is amended to vacate the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 10 and 15, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 15 and 22, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is created for the Bakken Formation, and applicant is authorized to drill a horizontal well to the Bakken Formation anywhere within said temporary spacing unit but not closer than 660 feet to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 253-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF NANCE PETROLEUM CORPORATION TO DELINEATE LOTS 6, 7, E½SW¼ (SW¼) OF SECTION 6 AND LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, E½W½ (W½) OF SECTION 7, T23N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION AND TO DESIGNATE APPLICANT'S NORGAARD 12-6H WELL AS THE AUTHORIZED WELL FOR SAID SPACING UNIT.

ORDER NO. 254-2005

Docket No. 282-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Lots 6, 7, E½SW¼ (SW¼) of Section 6 and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E½W½ (W½) of Section 7, T23N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, are designated as a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant's Norgaard 12-6H well is the only authorized well for said spacing unit.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 254-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Benzh Toung, vice Chamman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	tuek ring, Board Monitor
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 255-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF
NANCE PETROLEUM CORPORATION
TO DELINEATE ALL OF SECTION 23,
T25N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY,
MONTANA, AS A 640-ACRE
PERMANENT SPACING UNIT FOR
PRODUCTION OF OIL AND
ASSOCIATED GAS FROM THE BAKKEN
FORMATION AND TO DESIGNATE
APPLICANT'S CHARLIE CREEK 2-23H
WELL AS THE ONLY AUTHORIZED
WELL FOR SAID SPACING UNIT.

Docket No. 283-2005

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Section 23, T25N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, is delineated as a 640-acre permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant's Charlie Creek 2-23H well is the only authorized well for said spacing unit.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 255-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 256-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF NANCE PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN SECTION 23, T25N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, ON THE BASIS OF SURFACE ACREAGE FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED GAS FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION FROM THE CHARLIE CREEK 2-23H WELL AND AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY OF RISK PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202 M.C.A.

Docket No. 284-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

# Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all interests in the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation from the Charlie Creek 2-23H well in the spacing unit comprised of all of Section 23, T25N-R54E, Richland County Montana, are pooled on the basis of surface acreage.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover the risk penalties in accordance with Section 82-11-202 M.C.A.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 256-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 257-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF J. BURNS BROWN OPERATING COMPANY TO DRILL AN EAGLE FORMATION GAS WELL IN A 160-ACRE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF THE NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> OF SECTION 32, T35N-R15E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AT A LOCATION 2150' FNL AND 1500' FEL OF SAID SECTION 32, WITH A 75-FOOT TOLERANCE FOR TOPOGRAPHIC REASONS: TO DESIGNATE SUCH TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT AS AN OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT TO ANY OTHER EXISTING EAGLE FORMATION SPACING UNITS AND APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE SPECIFIC GEOLOGIC FEATURE TO BE TESTED BY THE PROPOSED WELL; TO REQUIRE THAT, IF SUCH TEST WELL IS COMPLETED AS A COMMERCIAL EAGLE FORMATION GAS WELL, AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING FOR THE WELL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD NOT LATER THAN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF PRODUCTION; AND TO PERMIT THE TEST WELL TO BE DRILLED TO A DEPTH SUFFICIENT TO TEST THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, BUT, IF CAPABLE OF GAS PRODUCTION FROM SAID FORMATION, REQUIRING THAT PRODUCTION FROM THE NIOBRARA FORMATION NOT COMMENCE UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY FURTHER ORDER OF THE BOARD.

Docket No. 285-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

#### Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

### BOARD ORDER NO. 257-2005

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that applicant is authorized to drill an Eagle Formation gas well in a 160-acre temporary spacing unit consisting of the NE¼ of Section 32, T35N-R15E, Hill County, Montana, at a location 2150' FNL and 1500' FEL of said Section 32, with a 75-foot tolerance for topographic reasons.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this temporary spacing unit is designated as an overlapping spacing unit to any other existing Eagle Formation spacing units and applicable only to the specific geologic feature to be tested by the proposed well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if such test well is completed as a commercial Eagle Formation gas well an application for permanent spacing must be filed with the Board not later than 90 (ninety) days after commencement of production.

II IS FURTHER ORDERED that the test well may be drilled to a depth sufficient to test the Niobrara Formation but, if capable of gas production from said formation, production will not commence until authorized by further order of the Board.

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
ATTEST:	Joan Stahl, Board Member
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	_

ORDER NO. 258-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF J. BURNS BROWN OPERATING COMPANY TO DRILL AN EAGLE FORMATION GAS WELL IN A 320-ACRE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF THE SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> OF SECTION 32 AND THE SW¼ OF SECTION 33, T35N-R15E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AT A LOCATION 750' FSL AND 400' FWL OF SAID SECTION 33, WITH A 75-FOOT TOLERANCE IN ANY DIRECTION EXCEPT SOUTH FOR TOPOGRAPHIC REASONS; TO DESIGNATE SUCH TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT AS AN OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT TO ANY OTHER EXISTING EAGLE FORMATION SPACING UNITS AND APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE SPECIFIC GEOLOGIC FEATURE TO BE TESTED BY THE PROPOSED WELL; TO REQUIRE THAT, IF SUCH TEST WELL IS COMPLETED AS A COMMERCIAL EAGLE FORMATION GAS WELL, AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING FOR THE WELL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD NOT LATER THAN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF PRODUCTION: AND TO PERMIT THE TEST WELL TO BE DRILLED TO A DEPTH SUFFICIENT TO TEST THE NIOBRARA FORMATION BUT, IF CAPABLE OF GAS PRODUCTION FROM SAID FORMATION, REQUIRING THAT PRODUCTION FROM THE NIOBRARA FORMATION NOT COMMENCE UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY FURTHER ORDER OF THE BOARD.

Docket No. 286-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

#### BOARD ORDER NO. 258-2005

2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that applicant is authorized to drill an Eagle Formation gas well in a 320-acre temporary spacing unit consisting of the SE¼ of Section 32 and the SW¼ of Section 33, T35N-R15E, Hill County, Montana, at a location 750' FSL and 400' FWL of said Section 33 with a 75-foot tolerance in any direction except south for topographic reasons.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this temporary spacing unit is designated as an overlapping spacing unit to any other existing Eagle Formation spacing units and applicable only to the specific geologic feature to be tested by the proposed well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if such test well is completed as a commercial Eagle Formation gas well an application for permanent spacing for the well must be filed with the Board not later than 90 (ninety) days after commencement of production.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the test well may be drilled to a depth sufficient to test the Niobrara Formation but, if capable of gas production from said formation, production will not commence until authorized by further order of the Board

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	-

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

UPON THE APPLICATION OF
J. BURNS BROWN OPERATING COMPANY
TO DRILL AN EAGLE FORMATION GAS
TEST WELL IN SECTION 20, T34N-R19E,
BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA, AT A
LOCATION 1851' FNL AND 1200' FEL OF
SAID SECTION 20. BOARD ORDER
177-2005 ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED THE
DRILLING OF THIS GAS TEST WELL,
BUT AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION.

ORDER NO. 259-2005

Docket No. 287-2005

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 177-2005 is amended to authorize the drilling of an Eagle Formation gas test well in Section 20, T34N-R19E, Blaine County, Montana, at a location 1851' FNL and 1200' FEL of said Section 20.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 259-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF
J. BURNS BROWN OPERATING COMPANY
TO DRILL AN ADDITIONAL EAGLE
FORMATION GAS TEST WELL IN SECTION
24, T34N-R17E, BLAINE COUNTY,
MONTANA, AT A LOCATION NOT LESS
THAN 990 FEET FROM THE EXTERIOR
BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

Docket No. 288-2005

ORDER NO. 260-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

# Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that J. Burns Brown Operating Company is authorized to drill an additional Eagle Formation gas test well in Section 24, T34N-R17E, Blaine County, Montana, at a location not less than 990 feet from the exterior boundaries thereof.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 260-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 261-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF J. BURNS BROWN OPERATING COMPANY TO REMOVE THE N1/2 OF SECTION 20, T32N-R19E, BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA, FROM THE BLACK COULEE FIELD; TO PERMIT THE DRILLING OF AN EAGLE GAS TEST WELL IN A 160-ACRE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> OF SAID SECTION 20, AT A LOCATION 800' FNL AND 800' FEL OF SAID SECTION 20, WITH A 75-FOOT TOLERANCE IN ANY DIRECTION EXCEPT NORTH OR EAST FOR TOPOGRAPHIC REASONS; AND TO REQUIRE THAT, IF THE WELL IS COMPLETED AS A COMMERCIAL GAS WELL, AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING FOR THE WELL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD NOT LATER THAN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF PRODUCTION.

Docket No. 289-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the N½ of Section 20, T32N-R19E, Blaine County, Montana, is removed from the Black Coulee Field.

ITS IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant may drill an Eagle gas test well in 160-acre temporary spacing unit comprised of the NE¼ of said Section 20 at a location 800' FNL and 800' FEL of said section with a 75-foot tolerance in any direction except north or east for topographic reasons.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 261-2005

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the well is completed as a commercial gas well an application for permanent spacing must be filed with the Board not later than ninety (90) days after commencement of production.

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 262-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF J. BURNS BROWN OPERATING COMPANY TO DRILL ONE OF THREE ADDITIONAL EAGLE FORMATION GAS TEST WELLS AUTHORIZED BY BOARD ORDER 170-2005 IN SECTION 13, T34N-R18E, BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA, AT A LOCATION 2200' FSL AND 800' FEL OF SAID SECTION 13, WITH A 75-FOOT TOLERANCE FOR TOPOGRAPHIC REASONS.

Docket No. 290-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that J. Burns Brown Operating Company is authorized to drill one of three additional Eagle Formation gas test wells authorized by Board Order 170-2005 in Section 13, T34N-R18E, Blaine County, Montana, at a location 2200' FSL and 800' FEL of said Section 13, with a 75-foot tolerance for topographic reasons.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 262-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF J. BURNS BROWN OPRATING COMPANY TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 179-2005 TO PERMIT THE ADDITIONAL EAGLE GAS TEST WELL IN THE PERMANENT 640-ACRE SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF THE S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> OF SECTION 29 AND THE N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> OF SECTION 32, T35N-R15E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, TO ALSO BE DRILLED TO A DEPTH SUFFICIENT TO TEST THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, BUT, IF CAPABLE OF PRODUCTION FROM SAID FORMATION, REQUIRING THAT GAS PRODUCTION FROM THE NIOBRARA FORMATION NOT COMMENCE UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY FURTHER ORDER OF THE BOARD.

ORDER NO. 263-2005

Docket No. 292-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Board Order 179-2005 is hereby amended to permit the drilling of an additional Eagle Formation gas test well in the permanent 640-acre spacing unit consisting of the S½ of Section 29 and the N½ of Section 32, T35N-R15E, Hill County, Montana, to a depth sufficient to test the Niobrara Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if said well is capable of production from said formation, production shall not commence until authorized by further order of the Board.

# BOARD ORDER NO. 263-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO DELINEATE ALL OF SECTION 28, T34N-R12E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT FOR PRODUCTION OF GAS FROM THE EAGLE FORMATION AND TO DESIGNATE APPLICANT'S WILLIAMS 1-28 WELL AS THE AUTHORIZED WELL FOR SAID SPACING UNIT.

Docket No. 293-2005

ORDER NO. 264-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Section 28, T34N-R12E, Hill County, Montana, is designated as a permanent spacing unit for production of gas from the Eagle Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant's Williams 1-28 well is the authorized well for said spacing unit.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 264-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 265-2005

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO DELINEATE ALL OF SECTION 16, T34N-R12E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT FOR PRODUCTION OF GAS FROM THE EAGLE FORMATION AND TO DESIGNATE APPLICANT'S VOSEN 1-16 WELL AS THE AUTHORIZED WELL FOR SAID SPACING UNIT.

Docket No. 294-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application in the manner hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Section 16, T34N-R12E, Hill County, Montana, is designated as a permanent spacing unit for production of gas from the Eagle Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant's Vosen 1-16 well is the authorized well for said spacing unit.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 265-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO DELINEATE ALL OF SECTION 21, T34N-R12E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT FOR PRODUCTION OF GAS FROM THE EAGLE FORMATION AND TO DESIGNATE APPLICANT'S WILLIAMS 1-21 WELL AS THE AUTHORIZED WELL FOR SAID SPACING UNIT.

ORDER NO. 266-2005

Docket No. 295-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Section 21, T34N-R12E, Hill County, Montana, is designated as a permanent spacing unit for production of gas from the Eagle Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant's Williams 1-21 well is the authorized well for said spacing unit.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 266-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO PERMIT THE DRILLING OF TWO ADDITIONAL EAGLE FORMATION GAS WELLS IN SECTION 5, T34N-R12E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA AT LOCATIONS NOT LESS 990 FEET FROM THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, AS AN EXCEPTION TO BOARD ORDER 65-2005.

ORDER NO. 267-2005

Docket No. 298-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

#### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

### <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Encore Operating, L.P. is authorized to drill two additional Eagle Formation gas wells in Section 5, T34N-R12E, Hill County, Montana, at locations not less than 990 feet from the exterior boundaries thereof, as exceptions to Board Order 65-2005.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 267-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 268-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO DRILL AN EAGLE FORMATION GAS TEST WELL IN A 640-ACRE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF THE S½ OF SECTION 6 AND THE N½ OF SECTION 7, T34N-R12E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AT A LOCATION 481' FNL AND 1942' FWL OF SAID SECTION 7, WITH A 75-FOOT TOLERANCE FOR TOPOGRAPHIC REASONS: TO AND DESIGNATE SUCH LANDS AS AN OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT TO ANY OTHER EXISTING SPACING UNITS AND APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE SPECIFIC GEOLOGICAL FEATURE TO BE TESTED BY THE PROPOSED WELL; AND TO REQUIRE THAT, IF THE WELL IS COMPLETED AS A COMMERCIAL GAS WELL, AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING FOR THE WELL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD NOT LATER THAN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF PRODUCTION.

Docket No. 299-2005

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application as hereinafter set forth will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Encore Operating, L.P. is authorized to drill an Eagle Formation gas test well in a 640-acre temporary spacing unit consisting of the S½ of Section 6 and the N½ of Section 7, T34N-R12E, Hill County, Montana, at a location 481' FNL and 1942' FWL of said Section 7, with a 75-foot tolerance for topographic reasons.

### BOARD ORDER NO. 268-2005

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such lands are designated as an overlapping spacing unit to any other existing spacing units and applicable only to the specific geologic feature to be tested by the proposed well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if the well is completed as a commercial gas well, an application for permanent spacing for the well will be filed with the Board not later than ninety (90) days after commencement of production.

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 269-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO DRILL AN EAGLE FORMATION GAS TEST WELL IN A 640-ACRE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF THE S1/2 OF SECTION 15 AND THE N1/2 OF SECTION 22, T34N-R12E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AT A LOCATION 500' FSL AND 1960' FEL OF SAID SECTION 15, WITH A 75-FOOT TOLERANCE FOR TOPOGRAPHIC REASONS; TO DESIGNATE SUCH LANDS AS AN OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT TO ANY OTHER EXISTING SPACING UNITS AND APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE SPECIFIC GEOLOGICAL FEATURE TO BE TESTED BY THE PROPOSED WELL; AND TO REQUIRE THAT, IF THE WELL IS COMPLETED AS A COMMERCIAL GAS WELL, AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING FOR THE WELL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD NOT LATER THAN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF PRODUCTION.

Docket No. 300-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Encore Operating, L.P. is authorized to drill an Eagle Formation gas test well in a 640-acre temporary spacing unit consisting of the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 15 and the  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 22, T34N-R12E, Hill County, Montana, at a location 500' FSL and 1960' FEL of said Section 15, with a 75-foot tolerance for topographic reasons.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such lands are designated as an overlapping spacing unit to any other existing spacing units and applicable only to the specific geologic feature to be tested by the proposed well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if the well is completed as a commercial gas well, an application for permanent spacing for the well will be filed with the Board not later than ninety (90) days after commencement of production.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO DRILL AN EAGLE FORMATION GAS TEST WELL IN A 640-ACRE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT CONSISTING OF THE S1/2 OF SECTION 21 AND THE N1/2 OF SECTION 28, T34N-R12E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AT A LOCATION 618' FSL AND 597' FEL OF SAID SECTION 21. WITH A 75-FOOT TOLERANCE FOR TOPOGRAPHIC REASONS; TO DESIGNATE SUCH LANDS AS AN OVERLAPPING SPACING UNIT TO ANY OTHER EXISTING SPACING UNITS AND APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE SPECIFIC GEOLOGICAL FEATURE TO BE TESTED BY THE PROPOSED WELL; AND TO REQUIRE THAT, IF THE WELL IS COMPLETED AS A COMMERCIAL GAS WELL, AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT SPACING FOR THE WELL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD NOT LATER THAN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF PRODUCTION.

ORDER NO. 270-2005

Docket No. 301-2005

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Encore Operating, L.P. is authorized to drill an Eagle Formation gas test well in a 640-acre temporary spacing unit consisting of the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 21 and the  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 28, T34N-R12E, Hill County, Montana, at a location 618' FSL and 597' FEL of said Section 21, with a 75-foot tolerance for topographic reasons.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such lands are designated as an overlapping spacing unit to any other existing spacing units and applicable only to the specific geologic feature to be tested by the proposed well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if the well is completed as a commercial gas well, an application for permanent spacing for the well will be filed with the Board not later than ninety (90) days after commencement of production.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO DRILL AN EAGLE FORMATION GAS TEST WELL IN SECTION 32, T35N-R12E, HILL COUNTY, MONTANA, AT A LOCATION 304' FSL AND 2476' FWL OF SAID SECTION 32, WITH A 75-FOOT TOLERANCE IN ANY DIRECTION EXCEPT SOUTH FOR TOPOGRAPHIC REASONS, AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.702.

ORDER NO. 271-2005

Docket No. 302-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Encore Operating, L.P. is authorized to drill an Eagle Formation gas test well in Section 32 T35N-R12E, Hill County, Montana, at a location 304' FSL and 2476' FWL of said Section 32, with a 75-foot tolerance in any direction except south for topographic reasons, as an exception to A.RM. 36.22.702.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 271-2005

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
A DODE OT	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO EXPAND THE STATE D-1X WELL IN SECTION 36, T15N-R54E, GLENDIVE FIELD, DAWSON COUNTY, MONTANA, TO INCLUDE THE DAKOTA FORMATION FOR SALTWATER DISPOSAL. THE STATE D-1X WELL IS CURRENTLY AN ACTIVE SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE MORRISON/SWIFT FORMATIONS.

ORDER NO. 272-2005

Docket No. 303-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Encore Operating, L.P. is authorized to expand the State D-1X well in Section 36, T15N-R54E, (API # 25-021-21025) Glendive Field, Dawson County, Montana, to include the Dakota Formation for saltwater disposal subject to the stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 272-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO CONVERT ITS TEMPORARILY ABANDONED GAS CITY 32X-21 HORIZONTAL RED RIVER PRODUCING WELL LOCATED IN SECTION 21, T14N-R55E, IN THE GAS CITY FIELD IN DAWSON COUNTY, MONTANA, TO A RED RIVER INJECTOR. ORDER NO. 273-2005

Docket No. 304-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. This application was originally placed on the Default Docket at the request of the applicant, but was moved to the Board's regular hearing schedule after a protest was made by attorney Loren J. O'Toole, II, on behalf of the Cedar Creek Grazing Association and Mr. Joe Steinbeisser.
- 3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Encore Operating, L.P. is authorized to convert its temporarily abandoned Gas City 32X-21 horizontal Red River producing well (API # 25-021-21042) located in Section 21, T14N-R55E, in the Gas City Field, Dawson County, Montana, to a Red River injector subject to the stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 273-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO CONVERT ITS ACTIVE HORIZONTAL RED RIVER PRODUCING GAS CITY 33X-02A WELL (API # 25-021-05022), LOCATED IN SECTION 12, T13N-R55E, GAS CITY FIELD, DAWSON COUNTY, MONTANA, TO A RED RIVER INJECTOR. ORDER NO. 274-2005

Docket No. 305-2005

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. This application was originally placed on the Default Docket at the request of the applicant, but was moved to the Board's regular hearing schedule after a protest was made by attorney Loren J. O'Toole, II, on behalf of the Cedar Creek Grazing Association and Mr. Joe Steinbeisser.
- 3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Encore Operating, L.P. is authorized to convert its Gas City 33X-02A well (API # 25-021-05022) in Section 2, T13N-R55E, Gas City Field, Dawson County, Montana, to a Red River injector subject to the stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 274-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 275-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF ENCORE OPERATING, L.P. TO EXPAND THE AUTHORIZED INJECTION ZONE IN THE LLOYD 34X-26 SWD WELL (API # 25-021-21111), LOCATED IN SECTION 26, T15N-R54E, GLENDIVE FIELD, DAWSON COUNTY, MONTANA, TO INCLUDE THE DAKOTA FORMATION FOR SALTWATER DISPOSAL. THE SUBJECT WELL IS CURRENTLY AN ACTIVE SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE SWIFT FORMATION.

Docket No. 306-2005

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that Encore Operating, L.P. is authorized to expand the authorized injection zone in the Lloyd 34X-26 SWD well (API # 25-021-21111) in Section 26, T15N-R54E, Glendive Field, Dawson County, Montana, to include the Dakota Formation for saltwater disposal subject to the stipulations on the Sundry Notice.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 275-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 276-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PINNACLE GAS RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN ORDER APPROVING ITS DIETZ PROJECT PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR COAL BED NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT UPON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS IN BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA: SAID LANDS ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD ORDER 99-99 AND THE RECORD OF DECISION DATED MARCH 26, 2003. APPLICANT PROPOSES TO DRILL AND DEVELOP SAID LANDS FOR COAL BED NATURAL GAS WITH WELL DENSITIES GREATER THAN ONE WELL PER 640 ACRES. PRIOR TO THE HEARING ON THIS MATTER, APPLICANT WILL SUBMIT ITS DIETZ PROJECT PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT TO BOARD STAFF.

Docket No. 307-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. At the hearing, attorney Loren J. O'Toole, II protested the application on behalf of Diamond Cross Properties.
- 3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that applicant's Dietz Project Plan of Development for coal bed natural gas exploration and development upon the following described lands in Big Horn County, Montana is approved.

### T8S-R41E

Section 23: E½ Section 24: S½

Section 25: All

Section 26: E½, SW¼

Section 27: SE1/4

Section 33: E½

Section 34: W½

Section 35: S½

Section 36: All

### T8S-R42E

Section 29: SW1/4

Section 31: Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, E½W½, E½

Section 32: W½

## **T9S-R42E**

Section 6: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E½W½, E½

Section 8: W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said lands are subject to Board Order 99-99 and the Record of Decision dated March 26, 2003, and that this order is not effective until Board staff completes an environmental assessment for the project.

Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

ORDER NO. 277-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PINNACLE GAS RESOURCES, INC. TO DELINEATE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS IN BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A FIELD FOR PRODUCTION OF COAL BED NATURAL GAS FROM ALL COAL BED ZONES FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH TO THE BASE OF THE FORT UNION FORMATION; TO ESTABLISH FIELD RULES PROVIDING FOR 80-ACRE **SPACING UNITS WITH 220-FOOT** SETBACKS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMINGLING IN THE WELLBORE OF GAS PRODUCED FROM DIFFERENT COAL BEDS. SAID LANDS ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD ORDER 99-99 AND THE RECORD OF DECISION DATED MARCH 26, 2003. APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT OF SAID LANDS FOR COAL BED NATURAL GAS BE ON THE BASIS OF 80-ACRES WITH 220-FOOT SETBACKS, WITH ONE WELL PER COAL BED PER SPACING UNIT AND FOR PERMISSION TO COMMINGLE GAS PRODUCED FROM DIFFERENT COAL BEDS IN THE WELLBORE. APPLICANT HAS FILED WITH THE BOARD AN APPLICATION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF APPLICANT'S DIETZ PROJECT PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED LANDS.

Docket No. 308-2005

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

- 2. At the hearing, attorney Loren J. O'Toole, II protested the application on behalf of Diamond Cross Properties, and a letter of protest from A.T. and Deanna Visborg was read.
- 3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the following described lands in Big Horn County, Montana, are delineated as a field for production of coal bed natural gas from all coal bed zones from the surface of the earth to the base of the Fort Union Formation:

#### T8S-R41E

Section 23: E½

Section 24: All

Section 25: All

Section 26: All

Section 27: All

Section 33: E½

Section 34: All

Section 35: N½

Section 36: All

#### T8S-R42E

Section 29: W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Section 30: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Section 31: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E½W½, E½

Section 32: All

### T9S-R42E

Section 5: All

Section 6: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E½W½, E½

Section 7: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E½W½, E½

Section 8: All

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the field shall be developed on the basis of 80-acre spacing units aligned either north-south or east-west with a 220-foot setback from spacing unit boundaries.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall notify the Board of the designated spacing units for any wells permitted prior to the issuance of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant may commingle gas produced from different coal beds in the wellbore.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 277-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 278-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF HEADINGTON OIL, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO DELINEATE A FIELD, ESTABLISH FIELD RULES, AND CREATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T24N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN FORMATION.

Docket No. 152-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that all of Sections 14 and 23, T24N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, are delineated as a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 278-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 279-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF NANCE PETROLEUM CORPORATION TO DELINEATE THE W½ OF SECTION 4 AND THE E½ OF SECTION 5, T23N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT FOR THE BAKKEN FORMATION AND DESIGNATING APPLICANT'S JOHNSON 15-5H WELL AS THE ONLY AUTHORIZED WELL FOR SAID SPACING UNIT.

Docket No. 165-2005

## Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

### Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

## <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the W½ of Section 4 and the E½ of Section 5, T23N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, are delineated as a permanent spacing unit for the production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant's Johnson 15-5H well is designated as the only authorized well for said spacing unit.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 279-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Ferri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

ORDER NO. 280-2005

UPON THE APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. TO DESIGNATE THE E½ OF SECTION 30, T35N-R57E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, AS A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT FOR PRODUCTION FROM THE NISKU FORMATION, AND AUTHORIZING APPLICANT TO COMMINGLE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE RED RIVER AND NISKU FORMATIONS IN THE WELLBORE OF THE PARROTT #1-30 WELL.

Docket No. 250-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that E½ of Section 30, T35N-57E, Sheridan County, Montana, is delineated as a permanent spacing unit for production from the Nisku Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to commingle production of oil and associated natural gas from the Red River and Nisku Formations in the wellbore of the Parrott #1-30 well.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 280-2005

	BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION REQUIRING PIONEER ENERGY CORPORATION TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ITS BOND SHOULD NOT BE FORFEITED FOR FAILURE TO DO PROPER SURFACE RESTORATION ON TWO WELLS IN SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA: THE PEC STATE 16-33 WELL, LOCATED IN SECTION 16, T35N-R53E, AND THE TANGE 9-32 WELL, LOCATED IN SECTION 9, T35N-R53E.

ORDER NO. 281-2005

Docket No. 310-2005

#### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. Pioneer Energy Corporation did not appear nor show-cause why its bond should not be forfeited for failure to perform proper surface restoration on the PEC State16-33 well located in Section 16, T35N-R53E and the Tange 9-32 well located in Section 9, T35N-R53E, both in Sheridan County, Montana.
- 3. The evidence indicates that forfeiting Pioneer Energy Corporation's bonds will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

### <u>Order</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the bonds of Pioneer Energy Corporation are forfeited.

## BOARD ORDER NO. 281-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

	OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
	Linda Nelson, Chairman
	Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
	Don Bradshaw, Board Member
	Jack King, Board Member
	Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
	Wayne Smith, Board Member
	Joan Stahl, Board Member
ATTEST:	
Terri H. Perrigo, Executive Secretary	

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION REQUIRING ROCKY MOUNTAIN OPERATING, CO., INC. TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ITS BOND SHOULD NOT BE FORFEITED FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR THE THIRD TIME AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD AT SHOW-CAUSE HEARINGS, AND FOR FAILURE TO PLUG AND ABANDON OR RETURN TO PRODUCTION THE FOLLOWING WELLS IN SNYDER CREEK FIELD IN BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA:

WELL NAME	LOCATION
KENDRICK 2	SECTION 6, T1S-R35E
KENDRICK 3	SECTION 6, T1S-R35E
KENDRICK 5	SECTION 6, T1S-R35E
1A KENDRICK	SECTION 35, T1N-R34E

Docket No. 311-2005

### Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on the 21st day of July, 2005 at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements and exhibits and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

## Findings of Fact

- 1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
- 2. Rocky Mountain Operating Company, Inc. did not appear for this hearing. This is the third time Rocky Mountain Operating Company, Inc. has been directed to appear before the Board for show-cause hearings regarding the above-mentioned wells in Snyder Creek Field in Big Horn County, Montana, and did not appear.
- 3. The evidence indicates that forfeiting the bonds of Rocky Mountain Operating Company, Inc. will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

#### Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana that the \$25,000 surety bond and \$5000 cash bond of Rocky Mountain Operating Company, Inc. be forfeited.

ORDER NO. 282-2005

## BOARD ORDER NO. 282-2005

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Sidney, Montana, this 21st day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION

OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
Linda Nelson, Chairman
Denzil Young, Vice-Chairman
Don Bradshaw, Board Member
Jack King, Board Member
Elaine Mitchell, Board Member
Wayne Smith, Board Member
Joan Stahl, Board Member